

## **Written Testimony in OPPOSITION to HB6618 – “An Act Concerning Medical Assistance for Certain Persons Receiving Abortion Care and Related Services in Connecticut”**

To whom it may concern:

I am submitting to you the subsequent written testimony in opposition to HB6618 as I am unfortunately not able to appear in person to testify on this bill. I am appalled that such a bill is even being considered by the Connecticut State Legislature!

This bill seeks to use taxpayer dollars to pay for the abortions of women from other states seeking this procedure in Connecticut. The \$2 million being proposed by the Governor for this program should not be permitted and this bill should not pass!!

Abortion is nothing less than the taking of an innocent human life through violent means depending on the developmental stage of the unborn baby. These methods include suction, dismemberment, or burning/poisoning with a deadly saline solution. The fact that this barbaric procedure remains legal in Connecticut and the mention of these aforementioned terms does not turn everyone's stomach is sickening. This is not “choice”, “women's rights”, or “health care”. This is murder!

We've been hearing a lot over the past several years about the importance of “following the science.” If we apply that principle to this issue, there is no way that abortion can be justified. Every unborn baby is a distinct human being with a DNA structure totally unique from that of the child's father or mother. To say that an unborn baby is just a clump of cells and part of the woman's body that she can do with as she pleases is in direct violation of basic biology. Every procured abortion is murder. Period.

I work hard each and every day to earn a living and pay the many taxes levied on Connecticut's residents. These include the sales tax, car tax, and income tax. I am in FIRM OPPOSITION to my hard earned tax dollars being used to pay for a procedure that is murder. Even those who hold a different view than myself on the nature of abortion should agree that there are serious moral issues related to this procedure and valid scientific and ethical objections; consequently, no one should be forced to pay for something that one considers evil and immoral. And let alone for persons who live in other states. Our state's residents have many issues that need to be addressed and inadequate funding in other areas such as mental health, education, and transportation. Not a penny of our tax dollars should be spent on paying for anybody's abortion.

**Connecticut should not become a destination state for free abortions.** Ever since the announcement of the Dobbs decision in 2022, much talk has taken place, mostly from elements of the Connecticut Democrat party, as to how Connecticut is going to become a “safe haven” for abortion and how abortion is a “right” and “health care”. This type of talk is disgusting! To

speak of abortion as something heroic and to encourage and support others to come to our state to have this done at taxpayers' expense is sickening.

I am ashamed at this time to be a Connecticut resident when this is the view that is being presented of my state, implying that all residents agree with this. Well, I do not agree with this and do not support this. This bill must be defeated!

Sincerely,

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